

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An outer casing having an opening, an operating lever pivotably supported by a stick controller disposed in the outer casing, encoders for detecting the amount and the direction of the pivotal movement of the operating lever, motors for imparting a desired external force to the operating lever, and a monitor for displaying various menus and the current position of the operating lever are provided, a plurality of key switches arranged on the outer casing projecting from the opening of the outer casing so as to surround the operating lever, and the selecting operation of equipment selected from equipment menu options displayed on the monitor is determined by pressing the corresponding key switch.